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# LARC



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## President's Message

I must say that our Special Event Station celebrating Louisiana's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Statehood & 100<sup>th</sup> of Adopting the State Flag was a complete success. Everything worked out perfect, even the weather. A lot of work went into making this event happen from the motivation of wanting to do a special event, picking the right topic, lining up a nice location to operate, getting volunteers to set up, take down and operate during the event. This can be a challenge but we did make it happen and the results are showing to that fact. We are getting over 10% of the 781 contacts made, asking for certificate requests, and mail is still coming in daily. It has been a busy time for this QSL Manager!

I would like to send out a *"Special Thanks"* to all that helped make this event possible by coming out to help setup, operate, take down and see that food and drink were present. I did overhear a couple of contacts that caught my attention and would like to share them with you.

One gentleman said he was operating near the New York Harbor in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty and noticed that we were using the Salvation Army call K5LSA, he reported that many years ago, he had been an alcoholic and had joined the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) and has not taken a drink in 31 years and replied: "This was the best thing that had happened to me"! Another contact said he had been waiting for three days to make contact with K5LSA after seeing the QSL certificate and just had to get one!

I did learn quite a few things as chairperson and QSL Manager for this event and would like to pass some info to others in a little article that can be found in this issue of the LARC on page 4.

I plan to give a detailed report to the club membership at the October 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

Next event will be the Tour du Teche Canoe Race on the weekend of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012. This is a 135 mile three day event down the Bayou Teche from Port Barre to Berwick, LA. Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF, Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD and Nick Pugh K5QXJ and Nicole Patin will head up communications from the Amateur Radio end. More on the subject at the October meeting.

Tour du Teche Canoe Race website:  
[www.tourduteche.com](http://www.tourduteche.com)

At the November meeting, I will be appointing a nominating committee for upcoming new officers for 2013-2014 year. You might want to think of who will make good officers for the next year. I am ready to retire.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK  
AARA President



JOTA is a spectacular opportunity to introduce Scouts to amateur radio. For many, this will be their first exposure to the world of ham radio. Some will go on to become hams, enjoying the hobby for a lifetime. A few will even find the basis of a career in science and technology.

As a licensed amateur radio operator, you must, of course, comply with FCC regulations regarding frequencies, power, quality of signal, etc. Third-party traffic is approved by the FCC. Therefore, Scouts can talk with other Scouts when both stations are licensed by the FCC.

Stations should try to contact each other by calling "CQ Jamboree" or "CQ JOTA" or by answering other stations sending this call.

Any amateur mode of operation can be used such, as CW, SSB, PSK, SSTV, FM, and satellite. The more modes in operation, the more exciting the event will be for the Scouts.

JOTA is not a contest. The idea is to contact other Scout stations and allow as many Scouts as possible to talk to other Scouts and learn about who they are and what they are doing.

**The October AARA General Meeting will take place on October 4<sup>h</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA.  
VE Testing will be at 6:00 PM**

**DATES TO REMEMBER****GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM  
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.  
Scott, LA

**HAMFEST SCHEDULE**

ARCCLA Alexandria Hamfest  
October 6, 2012

**Local 2-Meter Nets****Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM  
147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

**Monday**

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM  
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

**Tuesday**

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM  
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

**Thursday**

Kid's Net 7:00 PM  
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

**Friday**

HEAL Net 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays Only 1:00 PM  
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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## SEPTEMBER 2012 AARA MEETING MINUTES

### SEPTEMBER 06, 2012

**CLUB MEETING:**

- The AARA President Herman KN5GRK opened the meeting.
- Herman led the prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- There were 16 members in attendance and 3 visitors. We had three visitors: Bobby Blanchard, Jim Olivier, and Joshua Adkisson.
- Members introduced themselves and gave interesting contacts during July.
- James Williams KF5RBW passed his General test and will become a member.

**Minutes:** The August minutes were not read as they were posted in the August LARC – accepted as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rick Breaux N5RLM gave the Treasurer's Report. On motion by Nick Romero KE5MWX, seconded by Paul Scallan K5VSH, the Treasurer's Report was approved. The Financial Report is not published in the LARC; any member wanting a copy can contact Joy N5YCS.

**New Business:**

**SPECIAL EVENT:** We will have a Special Event honoring the 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Louisiana becoming a State and 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Louisiana Flag being approved.

The event will be September 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> at the Lafayette Tourist Center. Gerald Breaux said that we can set up on the porch. We will operate from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. we will work the 20 meter band, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. we will work the 40 meter band and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. the 20 meter and 80 meter bands. There will be security there from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. We will need someone to stay overnight.

We will have the information on the website, QRZ link to the website, and a listing in QST.

We will be using K5LSA as our call sign for the event.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK, will take care of sending out the QSL Certificates.

**TOUR DU TECHE:** The 135 mile canoe race will be October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012, down the Bayou Teche from Port Barre to Berwick Louisiana.

Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF gave an update on volunteers.

Paul Scallan K5VSH volunteered on **Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** to help Jess Gillion KF5LUL at Park Sur La Teche, Franklin, La. The shift starts at 2:30 p.m. and last year the last boat came in after 6:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

On **Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**, a volunteer is needed at the Red Light House, Atchafalaya River, Berwick, La., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until the last boat on the list arrives. The awards ceremony is at 3 p.m. for the winners. John Cunniff W4JHC, worked the Red Lighthouse last year and he said that is the best place to be. You can watch all the excitement as the winners arrive. Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF, will contact Jackie Price of the Ham Radio Club (BEARS) in Morgan City to see if they can help with the Berwick check point.

Anyone interested in helping with the Tour du Teche can contact Sandy LeBlanc at [asml@airmail.net](mailto:asml@airmail.net).

**SkyWarn:** Ed Roy, WA5TNK, Lafayette Parish EC, asked if anyone was interested in becoming a SkyWarn member to contact him. After training you will receive an ID badge



which will allow you to access the area after a disaster. This will allow for a more accurate damage survey for the EOC and National Weather Service. If interested, contact Ed at:

[edroy@edroy.com](mailto:edroy@edroy.com)

We need a chairperson for the following event:

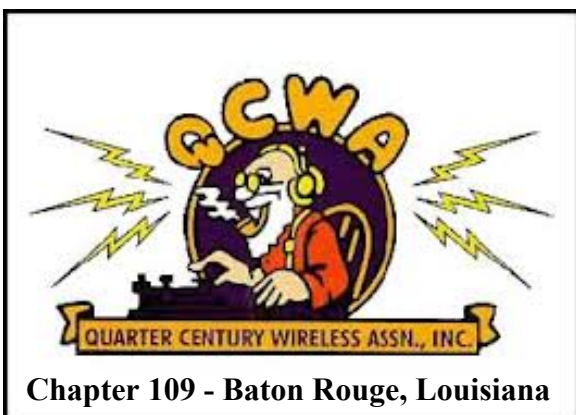
Cajun ½ Marathon

Jess Gillion KF5LUL, will be the chairperson for the Cajun Cup 10K Run in November.

On motion by Paul Scallan K5VSH, seconded by Danny Daigle KD5JSM, the meeting was adjourned for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF  
AARA Secretary





## Chapter 109 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Get-together

By Herman Campbell KN5GRK (Member)

The QCWA Chapter 109 meeting was held on September 22, 2012 at Drusilla's Restaurant in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. According to my head count, there were 21 persons in attendance. A presentation by member Bob Loudon WA5EML on his recent trip to Quito Ecuador and the Galapagos Island was very interesting and well put together. Bob had taken about 8,000 photos on his trip and compiled a slide presentation using about 140 great photos of birds, animals and scenery from that area. Those that attended this meeting were not disappointed.

Here are a few photos taken at Drusilla's during this meeting and I must say the food there was excellent. We all had a great time and are looking forward to our next meeting. Sorry, I did not get all the names on the photos.



**Bob - WA5EML**



**Bob - WA5EML & XYL Joy**



**Mel - WD5CAE, Esther N5YOP**



**Other members of the party**



**Buddy - N5BUD & XYL Audrey**



**Esther - N5YOP, Karen - KE5RPI, Fred - W5MLE**



**Other members of the party**

The Baton Rouge QCWA Chapter 109 meets on Sunday mornings at 0800 Central time on 3.905 MHz. In order to become a member, you must have been licensed 25 years or more (not consecutive) and be a member of the National QCWA.

Those members attending were: David Assaf W5XU, Wayne Gordon K5DF, Bob Loudon WA5EML, Mel Simon WD5CAE, Fred Marshall W5MLE, John Nastasi N5CBB, Larry Campi WA5TRX, Buddy Brown N5BUD and photographer Herman Campbell KN5GRK.

I would like to thank Mel WD5CAE & Esther N5YOP for providing transportation for me to attend this occasion. The Acadiana area was represented by five QCWA members.

<http://www.qcwa.org/>

## Planning a Special Event Station

by Herman Campbell - KN5GRK

Being Chairperson and QSL Manager for the Louisiana Special Event Station during September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 was quite an experience for me as it was my first really big one. I did learn a few things I would like to share some of this information to anyone considering undertaking a project like this.

**First:** If you are a member of a club, get with the membership on choosing something of interest, historical anniversary, prominent landmark, festival or similar event etc., I am sure there is something around worthwhile in your area. Make sure you have volunteers to help carry out your goal. Plan as far in advance as possible.

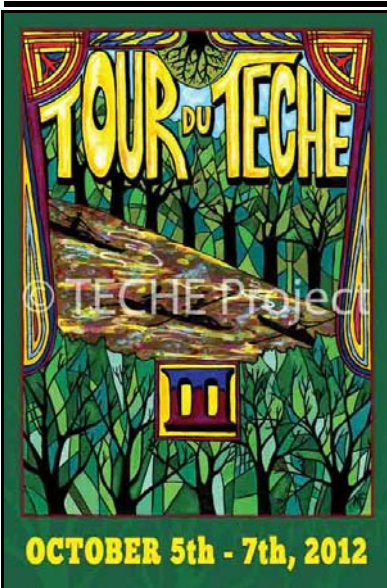
**Second:** Pick a place to hold your event, if it is a landmark, try to obtain proper clearance (in writing) to use the area, provide proof of liability insurance if necessary.

**Third:** Getting the word out can really make a Special Event. Plan at least four months in advance in order to get it published in QST Magazine. Set up a website if possible, with all the information about your Special Event, date, times, operating hours, bands and frequencies, QSL information and what you will offer to contacts (QSL cards or certificates) and a little bit about what the event is all about. You might want to enlighten the public about what the postal rates for 9"x11" SASE and 4"x9" SASE are at the present time (more about that later).

**Forth:** Please make sure all dates and times are on the same level. All times should be in UTC, Zulu, GMT (same time, just different names). People logging the event, whether using computer logs or paper logs, should use the above times, it would be nice to also log the operators name or call. This would be helpful for any message on the QSL cards directed to specific operators. It maybe necessary for each operator to keep separate logs.

**Fifth:** Post Office Rules - The Post Office is very strict on handling large envelopes. Any stamps with cellophane tape on them will not be accepted. Large envelopes 9"x12" requires \$0.90 for the 1<sup>st</sup> ounce, \$0.20 for each additional ounce. It might be wise to have them weighed at the PO so you will be sure to have proper postage. For certificates, mark them with: "PHOTOS DO NOT BEND"!

This is about all I can tell you at this time, I am sure there will be a few things you will learn on your own. Hope you have a GREAT Special Event.



## TOUR DU TECHE

Tour du Teche, a 135-mile three-day, three-stage canoe and kayak race on Bayou Teche, will be held on October 5 - 7, 2012 (that's **THIS WEEKEND**...). In its third year, its goal is to promote outdoor recreation along the Bayou Teche Corridor.

Sandy and Larry Leblanc along with Nick Pugh are again the chairpersons for this event.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, I'm sure they would love to put you to work.

## ARCCLA HAMFEST 2012

Saturday  
October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
0800-1300



**Main Street Community Center**  
708 Main Street  
Pineville, LA

**Talk-in: 147.330+ pl 173.8**

**Alternate: 147.375 No Tone**

**EchoLink: KD5DFL-R**

Node # 169091

Over 4400 square feet of space available for swap tables, fellowship, tall tales, food, fun, and what have you.

### PRIZES

**Grand Prize** - Icom ID-880H 2 meter & 70 cm D-Star

**Second Prize** - Icom IC-V82 2 meter HT (D-Star capable)

**Third Prize** - Ham in a Box (must be present to win - will not ship)

**Special Drawing:** Alinco SR8T HF rig 160-10m 100 watts (must be present to win)

**There is also a \$300.00 Cash Prize Drawing.** Need not be present to win.

Main Prize and Door Prize Tickets are \$1.00 each. Tables are \$10.00 each.

**Dealers:** Regal Brown, Palmetto Antennas, Ten-Tec, and a Alinco dealer from Mississippi.

**VE Testing Available**

**Forums:** D-Star and ARRL/ARES

For Advanced Tickets and Information, contact:

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kd5dfl@hotmail.com

**ARCCLA Website:**

<http://www.arccla.us>



## SEPTEMBER 2012 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	38	1	75	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	47	Ø	99	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	17	Ø	38	N5LRZ Ray
Kid's Thursday Night Net	4	18	Ø	40	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra
HEAL Net      *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	M 4 / G 4	Ø	15	KE5KJD Larry

Glorious are the woods in their latest gold and crimson, Yet our full-leaved willows are in the freshest green.  
Such a kindly autumn, so mercifully dealing With the growths of summer, I never yet have seen.

-William Cullen Bryant

### A 15 yr old's perspective on DX'ing

I've found that some hams think DXing is too hard, QSL'ing too expensive or that they don't have the right equipment. DXing is something that everyone can enjoy and nobody says that you have to QSL to be a DX'er. Some DX'ers I've spoken with have logged over 200 countries but don't have a single QSL card.

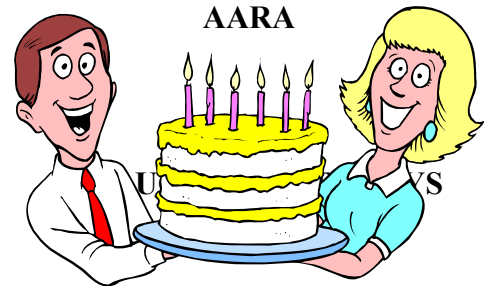
I have a nice setup (mainly due to the generosity of some friends) in the shack, but, being 15 years old, I don't have money to throw around nor do I have enough experience in ham radio to be an expert. So how did I end up with 176 countries in my log?

You simply need to remember these five simple rules:

1. Be sure you always listen before transmitting
2. Make sure you are always courteous
3. Remember that there is usually propagation to somewhere
4. Learn when propagation conditions are best.
5. Always be patient

If you already follow these rules, you have 99% of what you need.

Read the rest of the article here: <http://www.arrl.org/everyone-can-enjoy-dxing>. Wise words we can all put into action.



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1	CHERYL	KE5IBM
10/4	GREG	K5LFT
10/5	TOM	KF5OHJ
10/10	HERMAN	KN5GRK
10/13	LEE	KX5J
10/17	KENDRA	KF5FYS
10/27	GEORGE	AK2Q
10/27	LARRY	KE5KJD
11/1	JOANN	KE5RPL
11/3	PAUL	K5VSH

### October 2012 Special Events & Contests

- |                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <b>October 6</b>    | <b>Opening Day Elk Season, NM, KA5LMZ.</b> Jackie Price, Morgan City, LA 14.255, 7.255                                       |
| <b>October 6-14</b> | <b>Albuquerque International Balloon Festival. W5B.</b> New Mexico High Desert Amateur Radio Club, NM. 21.300, 14.260, 7.225 |
| <b>October 6-7</b>  | <b>Epcot 30th Anniversary, WD4WDW.</b> Disney Emergency Amateur Radio Service, Orlando, FL. 28.460, 14.260, 7.260            |
| <b>October 20</b>   | <b>BSA Jamboree on the Air, K4K.</b> Jefferson County ARES/RACES, Dandridge, TN. 21.360, 14.290, 7.270, 7.190                |
| <b>October 27</b>   | <b>24th Annual NASCAR Days Festival, NC4AR.</b> Tri-County Amateur Radio Club, Randleman, NC. 7.210                          |

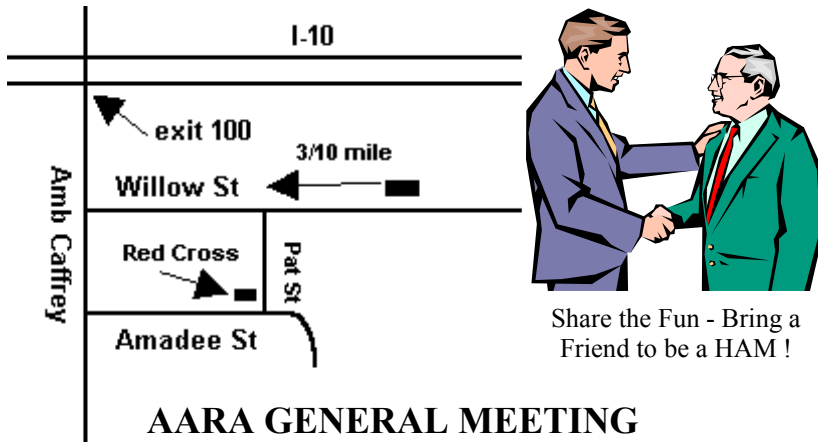
Refer to the October issue of QST (page 91, 92) for additional information and more listings of contests and "Special Event Stations".

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.



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Friend to be a HAM !

## AARA GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - 7:00 PM**

**VE Testing @ 6:00 PM**

**Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA**

**Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM - 2:00 PM**

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY  
ISSUE



## Beef Chili

Paul Scallan K5VSH

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 4 pounds Chuck or Shoulder Meat<br>(7% Fat, course or chili ground) | 2 tsp Oregano                                   |
| 2-4 Yellow onions (chopped)   | 2 tsp Camino Seeds                              |
| 8 cloves Cloves of garlic, chopped                                  | 3 15oz cans Ranch style beans with<br>Jalepenos |
| 1 small Green Bell Pepper<br>(chopped)                              | 1-2 tbsp Salt                                   |
| 3 16oz cans Stewed diced tomatoes                                   | 1 tbsp Paprika                                  |
| 1 6oz can Tomato paste  | 2 tbsp Brown sugar                              |
| 1 10oz can Rotel tomatoes and chilis                                | 3 Bay leaves                                    |
| 6 tbsp Gebhardt's chili powder                                      | 1 pkg French's brand Chili-O mix                |
|   | 2 14oz cans Swansons Beef broth                 |
|   | 1-3 tbsp Flour                                  |

Brown meat in a small amount of oil, in batches. Pour out most of the oil, retaining the meat juices. Add the onions, bell pepper and garlic to all the meat. Saute'. Add all other ingredients, except the beans, flour, and one (1) can of the broth. Simmer uncovered for about 1-1/2 to 2 hours and then add the beans. Adjust the consistency with the last can of broth and/or flour. Simmer for an additional 15-30 minutes. Skim off any fat.

Send your favorite recipes to:  
 Galen KF5BET  
[galenw@cox.net](mailto:galenw@cox.net)



## FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

**[ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov)**.

FCC Website:

**<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>**

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

**<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>**

The mailing address to the FCC is:

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 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245